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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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Acting Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

SUBJECT: White House List of Accomplishments

1. Action Requested: Draw on the attached suggestions as desired in developing response to the White House on this subject.

2. Background: Stuart Eizenstat, Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs and Policy, circulated to members of the Cabinet a draft "list of domestic accomplishments and accomplishments in the foreign affairs area," asking that it be reviewed and comments provided. IC Staff comments on the paper are attached.

3. Recommendation: That the comments provided be used as appropriate in responding to Mr. Eizenstat.

Attachment
As stated

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Comments on Eizenstat Draft
List of Accomplishments

Overall, the paper is disproportionately weighted toward consideration of the domestic side.

Items of intelligence interest:

Page 5 of summary, and (same item) page 9 of expanded discussion: the paper describes reorganizations, including reorganization of "the intelligence functions of CIA and DOD." While there is some basis for saying this in each case (amalgamation of NIO/DDI in CIA; and establishment of the ASD(C³I) and the Under Secretary for Policy in DOD), the statement is too narrow to reflect the more significant realignment of authority and responsibility for certain matters concerning the Intelligence Community as a whole which was the most important thing that happened in our area. Recommended rewording of the paragraph (in both places it appears):

Also completed numerous major interdepartmental and other reorganizations not requiring congressional assent, especially regarding HEW, USDA, DOT, the intelligence functions of CIA and DOD, and assignment of authorities and responsibilities within the Intelligence Community.

Page 7 of summary, and page 14 of expanded discussion, re security classification:

The draft Executive Order is designed to and should, in fact, bring about significant improvements in the quality of classification actions (e.g., classifications should better reflect the true sensitivity of the information content). It will also result in far more information being declassified, and sooner, than has hitherto been the case. To more accurately reflect the thrust of the draft Order--which will not necessarily "greatly reduce unnecessary classifications," language which could imply widespread abuse of classification authority, Item 5 should be reworded as follows:

"Security Classification--initiated comprehensive review of Security Classification System; provided for public comment a draft Executive Order that would, if issued, greatly improve the quality of classifications and make more information available to the public sooner."

Item 5, Security Classification System, on page 14 of the discussion, should be changed as follows, for editorial reasons, to more accurately reflect the thrust of the new Order, and to restate the circulation process as past tense, which it is:

"Security Classification System--made a comprehensive study of the government's security classification system; proposed its reform in a draft Executive Order which would set new and tight criteria for classifications and mandate earlier and more de-classification; and circulated the Order for public comment--the first proposed Executive Order ever so circulated."

Page 14 of expanded discussion, re foreign intelligence wiretapping: The revised wording, Item 6 below, more accurately describes the role of the Administration and the purpose and scope of the legislation involved. (Nearly identical legislation was introduced into the previous Congress but was not passed.) The draft bill was reviewed and slightly modified, endorsed by the Administration and introduced into Congress. It deals only with wiretap operations conducted within the United States; a companion bill dealing with wiretap operations conducted by the U.S. Government overseas is under development but not yet introduced. The domestic wiretap bill has been approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee, but has not yet been approved by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and has not yet been approved by any Committees in the House:

"Foreign Intelligence Wiretapping--introduced legislation that would, for the first time, place under a federal court warrant system foreign intelligence wiretapping done by the U.S. Government within the United States; approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee."

Page 4 of National Security/Foreign Policy Section:
Item 1 under Intelligence reads, "Reorganized the Intelligence Community." Since this is not strictly accurate, the Community itself not having undergone any reorganization, this item might more appropriately be restated as follows:

"Realigned authorities and responsibilities within the Intelligence Community."

Editorial Comments

Page 2 of summary: Probably not what they meant to say ("provide cash benefits to 32 million people out of 30 million eligible") on welfare reform.

Page 2 of expanded discussion, Item 1: Probably should read "instead of inflexible, rigid quotas."

Page 4 of the National Security/Foreign Policy Section: Under Intelligence, the comment regarding telecommunications security is not properly an intelligence matter. It fits somewhat better under counterintelligence, but for purposes of this report should probably be shown under a separate heading of Telecommunications Protection.

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